

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application. In the pending Office Action, the Examiner has taken the position that the claims are drawn to three distinct species of the claimed invention. Specifically, the Examiner has grouped the claims as follows:

I Claims 1-12;

II Claims 13-38.

Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the species of the claims of group I (claims 1-12).

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims 13-38 in the present application if a generic claim is found allowable.

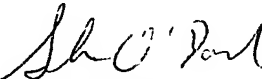
CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4255 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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